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Total cost of 2022 state and federal elections projected to exceed $16.7 billion

Federal candidates and political committees are expected to spend $8.9 billion, while state candidates, party committees and ballot measure committees are on track to raise more than $7.8 billion.
Federal candidates and political committees on track for record midterm elections spending

The total cost of the 2022 federal elections is projected to approach $8.9 billion, according to a new OpenSecrets estimate.
“The Price of Admission"  
(1990-2020)

HOUSE, 2020:  
$2.4 Million

SENATE, 2020:  
$27.2 Million
State-level candidates, party committees & ballot measure committees on track to raise more than $7.8 billion during 2022 election cycle.
Donors front-loaded federal contributions during the 2022 midterm election

Donors gave more money to federal candidates and political committees earlier in the election cycle compared to previous midterm election cycles.

Source: OpenSecrets' data of federal campaign finance data reported to the FEC through Oct. 19, 2022. Prior election cycle totals are adjusted for inflation.
Outside spending on 2022 federal midterms topped $2 billion

Outside groups have poured over $2.1 billion into federal races, blowing past the inflation-adjusted 2018 midterm record of $1.6 billion.

[Bar chart showing spending from 2002 to 2022, with a significant increase in 2022.]
How much the top 10 outside groups have spent so far

Super PACs aligned with GOP and Democratic congressional leadership are the biggest outside spenders on 2022 federal midterm elections.

- Senate Leadership Fund
- Congressional Leadership Fund
- Senate Majority PAC
- House Majority PAC
- Democratic Congressional Campaign Cmte
- National Republican Congressional Cmte
- Club for Growth
- Americans for Prosperity
- Democratic Senatorial Campaign Cmte
- Georgia Honor

Spending:
- 0
- $40M
- $80M
- $120M
- $160M
- $200M
- $240M
Top 501(c) nonprofits and their federal contributions during the 2022 election cycle

Federal political committees like super PACs reported receiving more than $606 million in 2022 election cycle contributions from 501(c) nonprofits, most of which are "dark money" groups that don't disclose their donors.

- Majority Forward
- One Nation
- American Action Network
- League of Conservation Voters
- Stand Together Chamber of Commerce
- Fund For Policy Reform
- America Votes
- National Association of Realtors
- Future Forward USA Action
- Future Now Action
- Sixteen Thirty Fund
- Everytown For Gun Safety Action Fund
- Environmental Defense Action Fund
- American Israel Public Affairs Cmte
- American Prosperity Alliance
- American Bridge 21st Century...
- House Majority Forward
- Young Americans for Liberty
- American Exceptionalism Institute
- Fund for a Better Future

0 $10M $20M $30M $40M $50M $60M $70M

Blue: To Liberal Group
Red: To Conservative Groups
Gray: To Nonpartisan Groups
Top 10 individuals to outside groups during 2022 cycle

The top 10 donors accounted for nearly one-quarter of the $2.3 billion raised by outside groups so far this election cycle.

- George Soros
- Richard Uihlein
- Ken Griffin
- Jeffrey Yass
- Timothy Mellon
- Sam Bankman-Fried
- Stephen Schwarzman
- Peter Thiel
- Shirley Ryan
- Lawrence Ellison
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